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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] For certain laser-induced thermal transfer printing applications, it has been considered desirable to assemble donors and acceptors directly on the imaging device. Where an external drum arrangement has been used in such techniques, the acceptor sheet typically has been first affixed to the outer circumference of the drum, and the donor sheet has then been secured over and substantially coextensively with the acceptor sheet. Certain laser-induced thermal transfer printers of the prior art, such as those disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,446,477 ~~5,446,447~~, have used vacuum drum arrangements to achieve the requisite sufficiently uniform contact between the donor sheet and acceptor sheet. Such vacuum drum arrangements have added significant cost, size, and complexity to the printers in which they are used, however.